GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA

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INSTALLATION OF HIGH-TECH CAT - III SYSTEM AT AIRPORTS
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether most of our domestic pilots are not able to handle even CAT-II system;

(b) if so, whether the most high-tech category-III(A) installed at IGIA is not functional;

(c)if so, the reason therefor;

(d) whether the Government have made any arrangements to train pilots to land under CAT-III and to upgrade our aircrafts accordingly; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SYED SHAHNAWAZ HUSSAIN)

(a), (b), (c), (d) and (e): Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) has stipulated special training to be imparted to pilots for landing in Instrument Landing System (ILS) Cat.II and Cat.IIIA weather conditions. So far, Air India, Indian Airlines and Jet Airways have trained 189, 130 and 40 pilots respectively for ILS Cat.II operations whichhave been approved by DGCA.No Operator have requested DGCA for approval of their pilots for Cat.IIIA operations.

The ILS system at IGIAirport, Delhi is presently functional as Cat.II. The System has been flight calibratedsuccessfully for Cat.IIIA operations this month. It will be made functional as Cat.IIIA after consultation with DGCA.